

Seniors & Youth BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: José Alvarado

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Wednesday, April 12, 2023

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Budget & Appropriations

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Chairwoman Catherine Borgia will be participating remotely from Clear View School and Day Treatment Center, 480 Albany Post Road, Briarcliff, NY, 10510

With a quorum present, Chair Alvarado called the meeting to order at 10:50 AM.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Smith (Remote), Beth LoBello, Jill Axelrod and James Silverberg

Guests (Remote): Westchester County Youth Bureau; Dr. DaMia Harris Madden and Bernie Dean, Financial Administrator and Department of Senior Programs & Services; Sandra Brown, Director of Program Development, Agnes Nowak, Director of Program Development

Present: Committee Chair Alvarado, Legislator Barr, Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

MINUTES APPROVAL

March 27, 2023 @ 10AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

[ACT-2023-70](#) **ACT-Amend Grant Agreements-NYSOFA-EISEP & Unmet Need**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to retroactively amend grant agreements with the New York State Office for the Aging under the EISEP and Unmet Need programs by extending the terms thereof through December 31, 2022.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS &

YOUTH

Guests: Dept. of Senior Programs & Services: Commissioner Mae Carpenter; Sandra Brown, Director of Program Development (Budget and Finance) and Agnes Nowak, Director of Program Development (Client Services)

Sandra Brown explained that by way of background, on May 10, 2021, the board authorized the County to enter into Grant Agreements with the NYSOFA to accept grant funds made available to the County under the EISEP program in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,517, 305 and under the Unmet Need program in an amount not-to-exceed \$951,658, for terms commencing retroactive to April 1, 2021 and continuing through March 31, 2022. Funds received under the Grant Agreements were used to provide various services to seniors through contracts with non-municipal agencies.

Chair Alvarado asked, what was the reason for unspent funds? Ms. Nowak responded that it was due to delays caused by COVID-19 pandemic.

On motion of Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Alvarado, Legislator Barr, Borgia, Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

[ACT-2023-71](#) ACT-Resource Allocation Plan 2023-Youth Services

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to execute and submit to the State of New York a Resource Allocation Plan which will provide State reimbursement for certain youth services programs and to enter into inter-municipal agreements with various municipalities to implement certain of those programs.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS & YOUTH

Guest: County Youth Bureau: Dr. DaMia Harris Madden, Executive Director and Bernie Dean, Financial Administrator

Dr. Harris Madden explained the Plan will authorize the County to allocate funds to administer certain youth services programs to be provided by certain municipalities and not-for-profit corporations and to related administrative activities, for a program period of nine months, commencing on January 1, 2023 and terminating September 30, 2023.

On motion of Committee Chair Alvarado, seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Alvarado, Legislator Barr, Borgia, Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

[ACT-2023-72](#) ACT-Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into (i) a grant agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to accept grant funds to continue a Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program and (ii) to enter into inter-municipal agreements with the Cities and/or Villages of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Ossining, Peekskill, Port

Chester, White Plains and Yonkers for services to be funded with the grant funds.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS & YOUTH

Guest: County Youth Bureau: Dr. DaMia Harris Madden and Bernie Dean, Financial Administrator

Dr. Harris Madden discussed the services to be funded with the grant funds, in the total aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$191, 982, compromised of an amount not to exceed \$27,426 per Municipality, for a term commencing retroactively on March 1, 2023 and continuing through August 31, 2023. She also stated, the Municipalities will each deliver services to at least 15 youth on sexual risk avoidance education, healthy relationships and lifestyle choices, and youth engagement work readiness skills development. The Programs will operate during after school hours in person.

Legislator Maher asked, how many years has the program been running? Dr. Harris Madden responded that the program has been running the last five years.

On motion of Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Alvarado, Legislator Barr, Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

Away: Borgia

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, the above item was adjourned at 11:27 AM. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Alvarado, Legislator Barr, Committee Vice-Chair Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

Away: Borgia